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SUBJ: AMERICAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, KRAKOW

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1. EMBASSY ADVISED SIEKLUCKI, DIRECTOR, FOREIGN COOPERATION, HEALTH MINISTRY, OF TIMING FEASIBILITY STUDY INDICATED REFTTEL. SIEKLUCKI PLEASED AT RAPID AID ACTION ON BROWN-DALTAS CONTRACT; HOWEVER, POLISH SIDE HAS ALREADY STARTED LONG-TERM HOSPITAL STUDY. RANK ORDER OF PRIORITIES AT PRESENT IS: 1) ENLARGING OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES; 2) UPDATING EQUIPMENT; 3) REHABILITATION FACILITIES; AND 4) TRAINING PROGRAM. RE TRAINING, HEALTH MINISTRY CONSIDERS U.S. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, NOW FUNDED THROUGH ARHP, IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND IS CONCERNED THAT THIS NOT BE INTERRUPTED BY CHANGE IN AID SPONSOR OF HOSPITAL. SIEKLUCKI CONFIRMED HEALTH MINISTRY PREPARED TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR PROGRAM STARTING JANUARY 1, 1974.

2. SIEKLUCKI, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM EXTENDED SICK LEAVE, EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT AT CABLE HE HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI REQUESTING STATUS ON POSSIBLE FUNDING COMPLETION PHASE II BY HEALTH MINISTRY. EMBOFF REVIEWED IN DETAIL DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER 6 BETWEEN HEALTH MINISTER SLIWINSKI AND COSTANTINO, AID/ASHA. SIEKLUCKI STATED HEALTH MINISTRY COULD EASILY PROVIDE ESTIMATED 10 MILLION ZLOTYS
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(\$500,000 EQUIVALENT) TO COMPLETE PHASE II, BUT THAT

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS WILL ARISE IN REPLACING PORAY,
WHO HAS CONTRACT WITH BUDIMEX ON "EXPORT" BASIS.
SIEKLUCKI SAID RENEGOTATION OF CONTRACT THROUGH
HEALTH MINISTRY WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN
COMPLETION OF PHASE II. POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS HEALTH
MINISTRY CHANNELING FUNDS THROUGH ARHP, ALTHOUGH THIS
RAISES OTHER PROBLEMS THAT SIEKLUCKI SAID HE WILL
INVESTIGATE. AS FIRST STEP, SIEKLUCKI REQUESTED
COSTANTINO WRITE LETTER TO MINISTER SLIWINSKI,
REFERRING TO OCTOBER 6 CONVERSATION AND REQUESTING
HEALTH MINISTRY PROVIDE SPECIFIED AMOUNT FOR
COMPLETION PHASE II.
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